

Surely Jesus is the Son of God

Matthew 27:51-66

- 1) Many signs point to Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ
 - a) Darkness fell over the land from noon till 3:00 (27:45)
 - b) Jesus' death came with a cry of victory (50; cf. John 19:30)
 - c) The veil in the temple was torn in two, top to bottom (51a)
 - d) An earthquake shook the land (51b)
 - e) Dead saints came to life and appeared to many (52-53)
 - f) Roman centurion's confession of Christ (54)
 - g) Salvation of robber (Luke 23:43)
 - h) Confirmation of Jesus' death (58)
 - i) Jesus' burial by Joseph, a secret believer (57-60)
 - j) The women who witnessed the burial and grave site (55-56, 61)
 - k) A Roman guard placed at the tomb (62-66)
 - l) A Roman seal placed over the tomb (66)
- 2) Jesus' death must be established before a resurrection can be considered
 - a) We know how and when Jesus died
 - b) We know who buried Him,
 - c) We know how He was buried,
 - d) We know where He was buried
- 3) Observations of text
 - a) There is great hypocrisy in religionists
 - b) Some need time to be bold in their faith
 - c) Faith of the women noted in their money and courage
 - d) Joseph's influence given to him by God
 - e) Concealing our faith cheats both us and others
 - f) Anything worth doing requires boldness and sacrifice